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## PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

September 5, 2002

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed April 5, 2002.

A payment in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 306.38372X00).

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